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Council's hope for a tax precept freeze next year

A DRAFT budget for Haverhill Town Council has revealed hopes for a precept freeze in 2015/16.

Families saw their precept rise by 3.69 per cent in April this year – £3.98 a year for band D residents – but town clerk Colin Poole is confident that a zero increase can be achieved for the next financial year.

Speaking at a meeting on Tuesday, Mr Poole told councillors that they could “comfortably” offer a freeze in the upcoming year – but, at present, not for the year after that.

He said: “As things currently stand, with a bit of trimming, we can keep to a zero per cent increase.”

For band D residents, the town council's precept would remain at £111.75 per annum.

Mr Poole has also looked towards the 2016/17 budget which, as it stands, would require a precept rise of 4.8 per cent.

This will be subject to change, he said, depending on planned new homes, the parish boundary, St Edmundsbury Borough Council's collec-

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tion rate and the country's “austerity”.

The borough council has estimated a composite collection rate of 96.75 per cent – despite having the highest collection rate across Suffolk this year.

The “pessimistic” rate means that if the borough council is more efficient than anticipated, extra money will be collected than that which has been budgeted for.

Any additional funds will be split between Suffolk County Council, the borough, and police and fire services – but Haverhill's clerk plans to ask if the town can also see a “slice of the pie”.

The current financial year's budget was the first drawn up following a reduction in Council Tax Support Grant from St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

The town council is set to lose an additional £32,000 each financial year, until the amount of grant provided is at zero.

Other towns and parishes across the borough were also affected by the change.

It was anticipated that this shortfall would be met through planned developments, which would increase the tax base in the town.

Haverhill's tax base for 2015/16 has increased by 85 homes, making a total of 7,035.

For the 2014/15 budget, the town council elected to protect the range of free community events they run, and cut money from the Christmas Lights Switch on, which this year cost around £30,000 instead of £45,000.

It was also decided that bucket collections would be carried out at free events, for residents to donate.

Mr Poole added: “I think it's quite a nice balance so if people are able to pay something, they do, but they needn't worry if they are not in a position to.”

The draft budget will be voted on in January by full council.

Visit haverhill-tc.gov.uk for more information.



YOUNG ARTIST: Donna Revell, manager at Days Inn Haverhill, with Luke Hannigan and his winning Christmas card design.

It's party time, thanks to Luke!

A BUDDING artist scored a Christmas party for his classmates with an inventive card design.

Luke Hannigan, of Clements Primary School, came first place in an annual Christmas card competition, run by the Days Inn Haverhill.

The Year 5 pupil's drawing of Santa Claus stuck in the chimney charmed the judges. There were more than 100 entries.

Luke and his classmates enjoyed a party at the hotel for his prize, and the school received 200 of Luke's cards to distribute to pupils.

Donna Revell, general manager, said: “We were delighted with the

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Families celebrate at annual Christingle service



LIGHT UP: The Christingle Service, held at St Mary's on December 7.

A CANDLELIT service celebrating the true meaning of Christmas has been held at a Haverhill church.

Families met at St Mary's on December 7 for the annual Christingle service, a key date in the church calendar.

An interactive service of music and light, children were invited to make their own

Christingle and find out more about what each element means, and represents.

Guests enjoyed songs and prayers before the lighting of the Christingle candles.

If you missed the Christingle services, all are invited to attend the church's crib service, taking place on Christmas Eve.

Little ones who want to take part should arrive by 4.45pm dressed as an angel, animal, shepherd or king.

The service starts at 5pm.

For more information about upcoming services, visit st-marys-haverhill.btck.co.uk

New era ahead for historic buildings

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A SET of listed buildings at the heart of Haverhill are set to be developed.

The Gurteen buildings are located just a stone's throw away from the High Street.

Last year, an application was submitted to St Edmundsbury Borough Council for some of the buildings to be demolished – and now a document has been drawn up to accompany the plan.

A presentation, shown at a Haverhill Area Working Party (HAWP) meeting last week, revealed that the site's "high importance" buildings will be retained while others are being considered for demolition.

Speaking to the *Weekly News*, Mike Carpenter, director at Code Development Planners, said: "The whole purpose of doing this is to give



PLANS: The Gurteen buildings

the site a use."

Six buildings, which are not of high historical importance, have been proposed for demolition, while the core building and the oldest section of the

North Light factory are among those to be retained.

The core French Gothic building will be used for office space, while uses for the other remaining buildings will be discussed in the future. It is thought the site will be "mixed use", Mr Carpenter added, as set out in the Haverhill Vision 2031 plan.

Councillors have praised the Gurteen family and developers for their work on the site.

Colin Poole, town clerk, said: "They have been really respectful of the age of the place with what they are trying to achieve."

Any developer who may come to the site in future will have to abide by the actions set out in Code's document, Mr Carpenter said.

A spokesman for the borough council confirmed that the application, and accompanying statement from Code, will be decided on next year.

Tributes paid to Linton Zoo founder Len Simmons, 78

AN ANIMAL lover who co-founded Linton Zoo more than four decades ago before carrying out "wonderful work" at the site has died.

Len Simmons passed away peacefully with his family by his side last week after losing his three-year battle with motor neurone disease.

The 78-year-old, who set up the zoo in the village more than 40 years ago, was well-known within the commu-

nity. His funeral will be held on Monday at St Mary's Church in Linton at noon before he is finally laid to rest in the zoo grounds.

A statement from Linton Zoo said: "It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Len Simmons, co-founder of Linton Zoo, who lost his battle with motor neurone disease on Thursday night."

A memorial garden will be created to Mr Simmons in the zoo grounds.

Rugby coach remembered in charity Christmas song

A RUGBY club member and coach has been remembered in Haverhill following the release of a Christmas song.

Shaun McLeod-Jones, who was at Haverhill Rugby Club from the 1998/99 season until shortly before his death 2003, is honoured in Christmas track *I Wonder Where He Is Now*, sung by Gary Chilton.

The song was written by Adrian Warwick, a personal friend of Shaun's.

Chris Spencer, club chairman, said: "Shaun is fondly remembered by those who knew him at the club and it would be a fitting tribute to his determination to overcome the odds if a song dedicated to him can push it's way past the *X Factor* and Band Aid machines to top the charts."

Shaun was a dialysis patient at Addenbrooke's for 13 years.

The single is raising money for Help for Heroes.

Help at hand with equipment

A PUBLIC access defibrillator will be installed in Haverhill town centre in early 2015.

The Community First Responders (CFR) have been working for seven months to raise the £2,500 needed to purchase the equipment – but a generous offer from Haverhill Round Table sealed the deal.

The volunteers collected £250 with Round Table members last week, bringing the total to £1,500.

The Round Table then pledged to donate the rest of the money to buy the defibrillator in the new year.

David Halsey, CFR co-ordinator, said: "A big thank you to everyone in the town – it's greatly appreciated."

If someone has a heart attack or cardiac arrest, a 999 operator will be able to direct a member of the public to the defibrillator, give them an access code and instruct them on how to use it, Mr Halsey said.

"They will then be able to get it back to the person as quickly as possible and give them life saving treatment," he added.



Santa and his sleigh to drop by in Sturmer

CHILDREN are being invited to meet Santa this weekend.

Haverhill Lions will take the man himself, and his festive sleigh, to the Red Lion in Sturmer, on Saturday, between

12pm and 3pm, so that little ones can sit on the sleigh and tell Santa what they would like for Christmas.

The event will be raising money for charity.

Haverhill Lions are collecting for the Haverhill Community First Responders, Motor Neurone Disease Association and Addenbrooke's Oncology Centre. All donations will be welcomed.

Councillor to be honoured with plaque in his memory

A COUNCILLOR who long campaigned for a new town clock will be honoured with a commemorative plaque.

Cllr Gordon Cox, who died in October, will have a plaque built in his honour near to the town's new clock, which will be erected in Jubilee Walk.

The plaque, paid for by Haverhill Town Council, will be mounted on top of a plinth near to the timepiece, which will have three faces held by angel figures.

Councillors discussed the plan at a Haverhill Area Working Party (HAWP) meeting last week.

The plaque's exact wording will be discussed at a later date.

The councillor is survived by his four children, and 10 grandchildren.

The clock has been designed by school students, alongside Neil Williams, head of art and design at Samuel Ward Academy.

Colin Poole, town clerk, has said the clock should be ready by Easter.

THERE will be no edition of the *Haverhill Weekly News* next week – we will be back on Thursday, January 1st.

You can keep up to date with local news, however, by visiting our website: cambridge-news.co.uk/haverhill.

We wish all our readers and advertisers a very happy Christmas.

Fresh plans for old church hall

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FRESH plans to transform a church hall into new homes have been submitted.

The hall of the Old Independent Church, on Haverhill's Hamlet Road, could be transformed into three residential units if planning permission is granted by St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

Town councillors discussed the application at a planning meeting on Tuesday.

They unanimously moved to support it.

A "statement of need" entered alongside the application said that the change of use is needed for the church to survive in the community.

Despite saying the proposed work would cause "a degree of harm" to the Grade II listed building, English Heritage have said that "on balance" they would not wish to object.

Speaking at the meeting, Cllr Ernie Goody said: "The church doesn't have any facilities to do the work they need to do to the church, and they are banking on getting the permission for the hall so they can get the funds.



PLANS: The church hall. Picture: Lewis Patten Chartered Architects.

"I think if the church is to survive, they do really need planning permission."

As previously reported, plans for the development were first submitted in September and received the support of town councillors – but were later withdrawn so parking provision, and the number of bedrooms, could be revisited.

English Heritage also objected to the initial plans.

A second application, for a new pavilion and alterations inside the church building, was also supported by the planning committee earlier in the year.

The new plans ask for two "single bedroom duplex

units" and a single three bedroom flat.

Each one bedroom unit will have a covered cycle space provided outside, and two car spaces will be available for the larger flat.

Access for both vehicles and pedestrians will be available via Meeting Walk.

The houses have been designed by Lewis Patten Chartered Architects.

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PARENTS and their children got into the festive spirit with a Christmas song session at Haverhill Library.

The little ones visited the special "tot rock" event, held on Friday.

Eighteen children, each with an adult, put their vocal chords to the test with a mix of usual tot rock tunes – and some specially chosen Christmas favourites.

As the big day approaches, Haverhill Library, on Camps Road, will hold a range of festive events, including Christmas-themed story time and fancy dress.

A bauble-making session, which is free to attend, is taking place on Saturday between 10am and 11am.

Parents are welcome, and encouraged, to join in with the fancy dress too. Contact the library on 01440 702638.

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LITTLE STARS: Pupils from the Ballet Shoe Workshop.

Dancers are en pointe at latest show

YOUNG dancers have taken to the stage for two sold out shows.

Pupils from the Ballet Shoe Workshop, in Hundon, performed for family, friends and guests at Castle Manor Academy last week.

The performers, aged between 3 and 21, performed ballet,

freestyle and contemporary routines in a "boys versus girls" performance, with characters including kings, queens and princesses.

Alison Law, of the dance school, said: "The pupils have been working hard since September

rehearsing for the performances and their hard work paid off and their smiles proved that they thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience."

For more information, contact Alison on 07821197107 or email balletshoeworkshop@yahoo.co.uk

Light up a life in memory of a loved one

A SPECIAL service to remember loved ones is being held on Saturday.

The annual Light up a Life service, by St Nicholas Hospice Care, will start at

3pm at St Mary's Church, Haverhill.

Names of loved ones being remembered will be read out during the service.

There is no charge to attend

the service, but donations to the charity are welcome.

Visit stnicholashospicecare.orh.uk/lightupalife or call (01284) 715572 for more information.



PARTY: Rosie Campbell, centre, pictured at Friday's party.

Fond farewell for beloved head

WESTFIELD Primary Academy's headteacher will retire tomorrow.

Rosie Campbell, who started at the school in 1998, will celebrate her last day in post with staff, children and friends.

The headteacher was

honoured at a special party last week, attended by more than 100 current and former staff members and colleagues.

She was also presented with a long service award.

Jill Lightfoot, deputy headteacher, said: "The party

was very emotional; she's a legend in the local area."

Tomorrow, Mrs Campbell will enjoy a visit to each class in the school, and a final assembly will be held.

Nicky Tyler will take up the position of headteacher in the new year.

Mixed views on shop front plan

A GUIDE mapping out how local businesses should look has received mixed reviews from councillors.

Haverhill Town Council discussed the guide, proposed for West Suffolk by St Edmundsbury Borough and Forest Heath District Councils, at a meeting on Tuesday.

If approved the supplementary planning document, would give guidance to councillors and officers alike when shops apply for planning permission.

Specific styles would not be set out for businesses to adhere to, the guide said, but would encourage "high qual-

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ity" and "sympathetic" design.

Speaking at the town council meeting, Cllr Ernie Goody said: "I have a problem with homogenising shop fronts.

"There have been complaints over the years about all high streets looking exactly the same.

"I think one of the charms about Haverhill's high street is the individuality. I don't like the idea of trying to homogenise the high street."

The guide would apply to the design, appearance and advertising of shop fronts, and would include banks,

betting shops and restaurants as well as retailers.

Cllr Roger André told councillors that the guide could help and restrict "something improper" being granted, while Cllr David Roach said the document "seemed reasonable".

Councillors moved to send the guide to the next planning committee meeting, on January 6, for discussion.

Consultation is running until January 9.

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Markets for the festive season

LAST minutes shoppers hoping to grab a bargain can attend a Christmas Eve market in Haverhill.

Residents are being encouraged to shop locally, and grab their vegetables for Christmas Day down at the market square.

The town will also hold a market on the Saturday after Christmas.

There are additional markets taking place in Bury St Edmunds on Saturday, Christmas Eve, December 27 and New Year's Eve.

The Bury market now has a licence to serve alcohol.

For more information visit westsuffolk.gov.uk

All change for bin collections

BIN collection dates have changed for the Christmas and New Year period.

St Edmundsbury Borough and Forest Heath District council customers who would have their bins collected on Monday, December 22, will have them collected on Saturday instead.

Collections up until Christmas Day will be made a day early, while Boxing Day, New Year's Day and January 2 collections will be made a day late.

Residents have been sent leaflets explaining the changes this week.

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Two properties broken into

WITNESSES are being sought after two burglaries.

One house on Roman Way, was targeted between 1.30am and 3am last Thursday.

An insecure rear door was used to enter the property, where a Nikon Coolpix camera, an Amazon Kindle and bottles of alcohol were stolen.

At 6.30pm, an address in Forties Close was broken into.

The glass in the back door was smashed in an attempt to get inside, but the intruder fled after the burglar alarm was activated.

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All animals suffer

WELL said, Tony Adams, in your letter last week.

I have thought for years these big fireworks are such a waste of money and it's not just our pet animals that suffer; it's the wild birds and animals too.

I was down in the town in the main car park three years ago on the 'big night out' and as the fireworks were going off I saw birds flying blindly around in the dark. Birds roost in trees after dark, and flying then they could crash into things.

Mrs J Hawker
Westward Deals
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A big thank you

THREE Counties Transport would like to say a big thank you to Haverhill Tesco for contributing towards our Christmas dinner for our volunteers.

We had a get together at the Rose and Crown on Tuesday evening and Claire, the Tesco champion, joined us to thank our volunteers and staff for all their hard work throughout the year. We would also like to thank the staff at the Rose and Crown who, as always, made us feel welcome.

If you would like to join our team of volunteers please call me on 01440 712028 for more details.

Lyn Davies
Manager
Three Counties Transport

No place for reindeer

IT IS worrying to see the increased use of real reindeer in Christmas parades, 'Santa's grottos' and other festive activities.

It is undoubtedly fun for young ones to see animals from films and storybooks in the flesh. However, uprooting reindeer from their natural habitat, bringing them to a life of captivity in the

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Our warmer weather and the food they are forced to eat here differ enormously from the climate and diet to which they are adapted. These magical and majestic

creatures shouldn't be used as props in garden and shopping centre displays, or forced to traipse along high streets pulling a sleigh behind them.

They belong in the tundra, eating lichen and roaming the wilds in freedom.

Claudia Tarry
Campaigner
Animal Aid

Your Pictures



Rob Marshall, from Haverhill, sent us this lovely photo of a robin, spying him through the trees, at fishing ponds at Clare.

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Review

ERNIE'S Incredible Illucinations, a short play by Alan Ayckbourn, was performed by the KS3 students of Samuel Ward Academy on December 2 until December 5.

The story follows the character or Ernie, a young lad who lives a normal, boring life at home with his parents.

However, Ernie possess an incredible gift, anything he imagines, have it be a brass band in a doctors' waiting room, saving his granny from a blazing helicopter or seeing his 68 year old auntie win a boxing match come immediately to life.

Of course, this all happens but with hilarious outcomes. The students pulled off four incredibly

entertaining performances full of charisma and professionalism.

Because of the talent at the school in regards to performance skills, the production team had to almost double the roles in the text and also have two separate casts.

Charlie Scarf and Lewis Wood, both in Year 8, portrayed the role of Ernie and were outstanding role models to the younger members of the production.

It was an absolute pleasure to have been a part of the production and work with so many dedicated, talented and mature young actors.

I would like to thank all the cast, parents and any members of staff that gave up their free time to help this show become a reality.

Ernie's Incredible Illucinations: by Matthew Russell, head of drama at Samuel Ward Academy



PERFORMANCE: The students performing at Samuel Ward Academy.

Community news

Haverhill U3A

THE NATIONAL TRUST IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND: A TALK BY DAVID SIMMONDS

It was of great interest to U3A members just how the National Trust originated late in the 19th Century. David Simmonds' illustrated talk

began with a brief potted history.

Initially, just three enthusiastic people, Octavia Hill, Sir Robert Hunter and Cannon Hardwicke Rawnsley founded "The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty" in January 1895. Their first acquisition was Alfriston Clergy House, saved from further deterioration and giving the Trust its familiar oak leaf design symbol. Their first nature reserve was Wicken Fen, within an hour's drive from Haverhill.

The Trust has grown in subscription member-

ship to over 4 million, with country-wide staff of 5,000 and a volunteer force of 70,000 and is the country's largest land owner.

As an unpaid volunteer David Simmonds is enthusiastic about the future of the N.T. providing further leisure activities within a framework of our established heritage.

The next lecture meeting will be on 27 January 2015, at the Arts Centre starting at 10.30am, when Sarah Phelps will tell us more about her connection with Phil Mitchell, Fagin, Miss Haversham and The Crimson Field.

Councils celebrate a UK first for region

TWO partnership councils are the first in the country to get a special accreditation.

St Edmundsbury Borough and Forest Heath District Councils have been praised by independent assessors who awarded them the Charter for Elected Member Development.

Run by the Local Government Association, the accolade is designed to reward councils which provide high quality training and development.

The councils are the first partnership to get the award.

Cllr David Ray, cabinet member for resources and performance, said: "As councillors we are elected to represent the best interests of the people in our wards – understanding how we can do that better is at the heart of this Member Development Charter."

"It should give people confidence that West Suffolk can demonstrate that it provides training to councillors so that they can have a better grasp of complex issues – such as Business Rate Relief and the New Homes Bonus – that will help their decision making and make them more effective as councillors."



TRANSFORMATION: Strasbourg Square, in Haverhill's Chalkstone Estate.

Improvement plans for square approved

COUNCILLORS have unanimously supported plans to transform Haverhill's Strasbourg Square.

At a meeting of the Haverhill Area Working Party (HAWP) last week, members were presented with plans from St Edmundsbury Borough Council, which will see £35,000 spent on the square.

Championed by the late Cllr Gordon Cox, who represented Haverhill East and sat on the committee, the

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plan will see trees felled, benches installed, pavements resurfaced and bike stands erected.

Cllr Tony Brown, who was sitting on the committee for his first meeting, is one of the ward members for Strasbourg Square.

He said: "It's the jewel in the crown of the Chalkstone Estate, it's the meeting point and it's got the shops – but it just doesn't look very good at the moment." The derelict Vixen pub,

which has been empty for a number of years, makes the whole place look "run down", Cllr Brown added.

Cllr Maureen Byrne, deputy mayor, led calls for the borough council to put pressure on the owners, or make a compulsory purchase order on the building so changes can be made.

Speaking after the meeting, Colin Poole, town clerk, said: "Whatever we do in that square, with the Vixen the way it is, it will overshadow the whole atmosphere of the place."

"If it can be made into something the community can be really proud of and really set off Strasbourg Square it would make a real difference."

A spokesman for St Edmundsbury Borough Council confirmed it was "looking into" the Vixen problem.

The plans will also go on display in the Chalkstone Community Centre.

He said: "Subject to there being no major objections, the scheme will go ahead in the next financial year."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vandals attack vehicle

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a vehicle was damaged by vandals.

The vehicle was damaged while parked in Dovehouse Road, Haverhill, last Thursday. Contact Haverhill police on 101 if you have any information and quote reference HH/14/2477.

Criminal damage to window

A WINDOW in Lulworth Drive, Haverhill, has been damaged.

The incident happened at 6pm last Thursday.

If you saw anything, contact Haverhill police on 101.

The crime reference is HH/14/2475.

Council meetings in 2015

HAVERHILL Town Council's first meeting of the New Year will take place on January 6.

The planning committee will meet on this date at 7pm, at the Arts Centre.

The full council will meet on January 27, the finance committee will meet on January 13 and the leisure and community committee will meet on January 20.

For meeting dates and documents visit haverhill-tc.gov.uk.

Take care Christmas shopping

SUFFOLK police are warning shoppers to take extra care as Christmas approaches.

Reminders are being issued for people to be vigilant for thieves and ensure wallets, purses and other valuables are kept out of sight.

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The family of the late Rita May would like to thank all who sent kind messages of sympathy following their recent sad bereavement.

Thanks also to those who attended the funeral service and sent donations for Cancer Research UK and ACT (to benefit Ward D9) in her memory.

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Father guilty of benefit fraud

COURT REPORTER

A FATHER-of-two has been found guilty at Ipswich Crown Court of illegally claiming £80,000 in benefits.

The jury delivered its verdict on Henry Stockings, of Mallow Walk, Haverhill, last Thursday after a four-day trial.

Stockings, who is 56, denied failing to notify St Edmundsbury Borough Council of a change in circumstances that would affect his entitlement to council tax benefit between April 2003 and April 2012.

He also pleaded not guilty to two counts of failing to make a similar notification to the Department of Work and Pensions between March 2002 and January 2009, and again between July 2010 and July 2011.

He claimed £45,200 in income support, £28,000 in housing benefit and £6,000 in council tax benefit.

During the trial, Laura Kenyon, prosecuting, said Stockings had signed a declaration to say that only he and his two children lived at their Haverhill home.

But benefit investigators discovered that Frances Brewer, Stockings' partner and the mother of his two children, was also living there.

The jury were told that the couple had signed a joint tenancy agreement, and that Ms Brewer's post was being sent to the address.

She was also listed as living there on the electoral register.

In evidence, Stockings told the court that his partner had not lived with him for more than 15 years following the breakdown of their relationship and was only an "infrequent visitor" to the property.

The 56-year-old agreed Ms Brewer could use the address for some post, he said, and the reason they had not changed the tenancy was because she needed to be in person to change it.

Mr Recorder David Pugh released Stockings on bail.

He will be sentenced at Ipswich Crown Court next month.

Teacher retires after almost 40 years

THE longest serving member of staff at a Haverhill secondary school is retiring tomorrow.

Martin Pates started at Castle Manor Academy in 1975.

The teacher, who most recently taught business and finance, was involved with a number of activities across the school including running football teams, giving careers advice, and acting as an exam officer.

He also organised trips to the House of Lords, and a number of business competitions.

Mr Pates said: "I have taught a huge number of students who have gone on to a wide variety of careers, including banking, parliamentary permanent secretaries, head teachers and Oxbridge students.

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Matt set for marathon challenge

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A PERSONAL trainer is preparing to run more than 180 miles in one week.

Matt Fitch, a personal trainer at Haverhill Leisure Centre, will run seven marathons, starting on Sunday, for seven days.

The 29-year-old, who is a former ISKA British Thai Boxing Champion, is raising money for Clare Seekers, a social club for the visually impaired.

He was inspired by hero Sir Ranulph Fiennes, who completed a similar challenge in 2003, and by a friend who is almost blind.

Matt, who lives in Haverhill, said: "It really brought home how hard it is to be without sight and how difficult it is to look after someone with a disability."

"It's the little things that you really don't realise. Like stopping before you go from a dark room into the light because people who have visual disabilities need time to adjust."

Matt's target is to complete each



GLOVES ARE OFF: personal trainer Matt Fitch to run 180 miles in a week

marathon in just under four hours.

He hopes to raise £750 for a special theatre outing.

James Purkiss, manager at Haverhill Leisure Centre, said: "Matt loves to set himself small challenges."

"He is an inspiration to others and we admire his passion for fitness and for raising money for charity."

To sponsor Matt, who will even be running on Christmas Day, visit justgiving.com and search for "Matt Fitch".



FLYING HIGH: Georgina Lister competing in Preston.

Georgina shines at competition

A TALENTED schoolgirl has taken part in a national sports competition.

Georgina Lister, of Broad Street, Haverhill, was one of 48 players competing for the title of cadet girls singles champion at the National Table Tennis Championships.

The 14-year-old, who attends Castle Manor Academy, made it through to the

second round after winning two games, and despite losing to her rival, the fifth in England, she made it through for further matches. Georgina then faced the third cadet in England for five games, finally losing out.

She took part in the cadet girls doubles championship and made it to the quarter finals.

NEWS IN BRIEF

County gets more gritters

NINE new gritters have been bought, and a further 29 upgraded, to improve the winter service across Suffolk.

Suffolk Highways has 39 gritters with an attachable snow plough, and three mini-gritters suitable for areas with weight restrictions, such as bridges.

Across the county, there are more than 1,000 miles of "priority one" routes for gritting, which get covered in advance of predicted ice or snow.

The 34 "priority one" routes take two and a half hours to complete.

Cllr Graham Newman, cabinet member for roads, transport and planning, said: "Although last year was not particularly cold the significant levels of rainfall caused the same, if not more, damage to the road network as extremely cold temperature."

"This was recognised by the Government and as a result Suffolk received almost £6million in additional funding to help make the necessary repairs."

Follow @suff_highways on Twitter for updates on where the gritters are.

Will you volunteer?

VOLUNTEERS are being sought to form an inspection service for publicly funded care.

Healthwatch Suffolk is appealing for local people to join a team which will collect residents' views on services provided in their community.

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Play area in line for an upgrade in New Year

A WELL used but out of date play area is set for a transformation in the New Year.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council has revealed plans to upgrade the play equipment in Haverhill's Allington Walk.

Backed by Cllrs Anne Gower and Tim Marks, the work is expected to start in the spring following a consultation period.

Local residents, Haverhill Town Council, the Catholic Church and the Parkway Residents' Association will be asked for their views.

Cllr Gower, who also sits

DEBRA FOX

on Suffolk County Council and represents Haverhill North, has welcomed the work.

She said: "I think it's really good news and an upgrade there would be really welcome. I hope the residents like it."

The councillors visited the park area last week alongside Cllr Sarah Stamp, cabinet member for leisure, culture and heritage.

A spokesman for St Edmundsbury Borough Council said work will begin in the next financial year, following a consulta-

tion early next year.

He added: "It is still safe and is regularly inspected, but it is also one of the oldest play facilities in the town and is in need of a refurbishment."

Play areas in Quendon Place and Haverhill Recreation Ground are due to be worked on in the New Year, and it is thought that Allington Walk will then be next on the list.



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GIFT: Pat Hainsby and Julie Skuce of Haverhill Owls WI, present a cheque to Jordan Hughes, St Nicholas Hospice Care Community Fundraiser, at the Burton Centre, in Haverhill.

Quiz helps out hospice charity

GENERAL knowledge was put to the test in a fundraising quiz.

Members of Haverhill Owls WI held the event at Haverhill Arts Centre in aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care.

The group raised a total of £169. Jordan Hughes, community fundraiser, said: "The funds the

Haverhill Owls WI have raised will pay for one of our hospice nurses to go and visit a patient in their own home, so this donation really does make a difference.

"We are very grateful for their support."

Haverhill Owls WI supports a different charity each year.

Will you stand as a councillor?

RESIDENTS who want to do more for their community are being encouraged to stand as local councillors.

On May 7 next year, local elections will take place at both St Edmundsbury Borough and Haverhill Town Councils.

To become a candidate, people will need 10 nominees from the ward they wish to represent.

They must be submitted by April 9, at 4pm.

Cllr David Ray, cabinet member for resources and performance, was first elected 10 years ago.

He said: "As a councillor, your job is to represent all of the people in your ward, on some important decisions."

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"It may be in representing their views when discussing how Council Tax payers' money should be spent, or budget savings made."

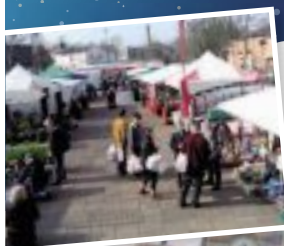
He added: "The reward is knowing that you are making a difference, providing solutions to those issues that residents need your help with, and providing them with a voice at meetings, many of which impact on their day to day lives."

For more information visit westsuffolk.gov.uk. Nomination papers will be available from late February.

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Blaze was best ever gift for Christmas



CLAIRE Wallace's house is looking decidedly festive. A beautiful tree shimmers in the living room, and her Christmas shopping? All done.

"I can do it all by myself now, which I haven't done in gosh, about six years," she beams. "I think I started in mid-November!"

There's a very good reason why Claire, who is blind, can get out and about to buy presents now – and that very good reason is Blaze, the gorgeously glossy Guide Dog who came into her life last Christmas.

"She goes absolutely everywhere with me, and she loves shopping! I always knew it would be good to have a Guide Dog, but actually she's totally transformed my life. The independence and the confidence she's given me – it's just amazing."

But happy though she is,

this time of year will always be poignant for the mum-of-three. Back in 2009, facing an intricate brain operation that she was told she might not survive, Claire planned what she thought would be her very last Christmas – and then planned her own funeral.

Claire's problems began 12 years ago, when she was 25. "Before then everything was normal, but then I had some intense headaches for a couple of weeks, and one morning I woke up and realised that something was wrong with my sight."

There seemed to be black patches in the top right-hand corner of both eyes, "but it was only slight, so I wasn't worried," says Claire. "I just thought I needed glasses."

But trying lenses at the opticians made no difference, so she went to her doctor, who referred

When a risky brain operation left Claire Wallace with major sight loss, her future looked uncertain. But now, with the help of her Guide Dog Blaze, her life has been transformed. She tells Emma Higginbotham her story

her to the Eye Clinic at Addenbrooke's. Tests were done, "and then they pulled me into a little room and they said 'Your eyes are perfect – but you've got something on your brain'. I just burst into tears. I obviously thought it was a tumour."

But it wasn't. An MRI test revealed that a blood vessel had burst deep in Claire's brain, damaging the signal from the brain to the eyes. "But they said 'It will never burst again, you'll be fine.'"

Relieved, Claire carried on with her life. A busy mum with two young daughters, Demi, then 8, and Tyler, then 5, she was also training to be

a beautician. And everything was fine – until six years ago when, six months' pregnant with her son, Alfie, the headaches began again.

"Straight away I knew what it was, because the headaches are completely different to the normal ones I had. And my eyesight deteriorated very slightly; the black patches had gone down further. I was really scared."

She returned to Addenbrooke's, "and they said the blood vessel had burst again. But they said 'It will never happen again' – for the second time!"

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AMAZING DOG: Blaze with Claire Wallace.

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Alfie was born, and she and Shaun got married. But in November 2009, three months after their wedding, everything changed.

"I woke up one morning, and fluffed around in the house, and I didn't notice until I got in the car and started driving down the road that my eyesight had deteriorated dramatically," she says. "To this day I can't fathom out why I didn't notice it in the house!"

"I drove down the road, and realised it was black on the right hand side of both eyes. I turned round and came back, and said to Shaun 'I can't see to drive'."

At Addenbrooke's, neurologists confirmed that the blood vessel had burst yet again. "They sat me down and said 'Given that it's burst three times in the last seven years, it's going to burst again – and because it's on the spine of your brain, if it bursts once more it'll put you in a coma and you'll be dead'."

Claire couldn't believe what she was hearing. "I just went into shock," she says. "Shaun started asking practical things, like what are her chances? They said if I didn't have the operation that would be that, I'd be dead. But I might not even make it out of the brain op – they gave me a 50/50 chance of survival."

The surgery was booked for early February, and the couple went home and "tried to soak it up, but I was still in shock," says Claire. "All my thoughts and efforts were on Christmas, and we had the most amazing Christmas ever. I thought it would be my last, I really did."

They told the children what was happening, "and they were so grown up about it; they never cried in front of me. They wanted to keep me safe, in a way." But Claire knew the future looked bleak. She was told that complications from the surgery could include paralysis or a stroke, "so I thought even if I do come out of the op, it's not going to be me. And I honestly thought I wasn't going to come out of it."

That's why, after Christmas, she even planned her funeral: "No-one knew about it, not even Shaun. I chose the songs, and I wanted a black coffin and white lilies . . . I wanted to take that burden away from them."

"I stayed strong for three months, and just before the op I said I didn't want to say

goodbye to anybody. I never told anyone how I was actually feeling: scared, petrified that I could die, and that I'd never see my children grow up."

Thankfully the 12-hour operation went well; surgeons successfully removed the blood vessel. But on waking up, Claire had to come to terms with further sight loss, as well as side-effects including tinnitus, short-term memory problems and numbness down her right side. "Shaun ended up being my main carer. He was a site manager, so he had to give up his job and I had to give up my job. Literally overnight, our whole world had changed."

"But I knew how lucky I was, and I didn't want to grumble about it. For two years I was like 'I'm fine! I'm never going to moan about this because I'm alive'. But I was depressed, and I needed to grieve. It's a loss: a loss of eyesight, a loss of your independence."

"It was horrible. Shaun had to cook for me, help me get dressed, and I wouldn't go out by myself. I didn't have the confidence. I'd walk into people, or I'd fall over because I didn't see the kerb. I didn't feel safe at all. I couldn't do the school run, or take my little boy to the park or go shopping by myself. I had to have someone with me."

The family decided to move to Gamlingay, "because Cambridge was too intense. I wanted a quieter life," recalls Claire. But that brought its own issues, and she began to feel isolated. "But fortunately there's an amazing organisation called Cam Sight in Cambridge, and they run emotional support groups for visually impaired people. And I needed help."

The sessions gave Claire a whole new outlook. "You can sit there and cry in front of people, because they're there for the same reason," she says. "We all let off steam and everybody understood. So that was when my life changed. That's when I felt 'OK, I can start living again!'"

Because they'd helped her so much, Claire offered to volunteer for Cam Sight: "I wanted to give something back, even if it was just answering telephones, but they said 'You could do so much better than that, Claire, we see potential in you. And I was like . . . OK!'" she laughs.

Fittingly, she began training to be a counsellor to help others who have lost their

vision, "so I was happier with that part of my life, because I found a little more purpose."

"It was just getting around that was the difficult part. I had already applied for a Guide Dog, and been accepted, so I went on the waiting list. They said '18 months max', but I waited nearly three years!"

It was November last year when Claire finally got the phone call she'd been longing for – they'd matched her with a Guide Dog. "I was so excited I burst into tears," she laughs. Blaze was brought to meet her the next day: "She sat beside me and I just stroked her, and then she lay down with her head on my foot. She was amazing."

Two weeks of intense training followed, and the pair clicked. "And obviously that was just before Christmas, so it was like all my Christmases had come at once – to have this amazing dog."

Thanks to Blaze and her new-found independence, this year, says Claire, has "just been absolutely crazy." Aside from her counselling training, she has started doing public talks for Guide Dogs, after being recommended by one of their puppy walkers. "I'd never stood up in front of anybody in my life, but it's fine. My first one was at Ely Golf Club, and there were about 50 people there. But I can't see them anyway, so in a way that does help!"

But Claire's really big news was being chosen as the face of Guide Dogs' Christmas campaign, which means she and Blaze are currently starring on leaflets, billboards and radio commercials, and were even featured on ITV's Text Santa.

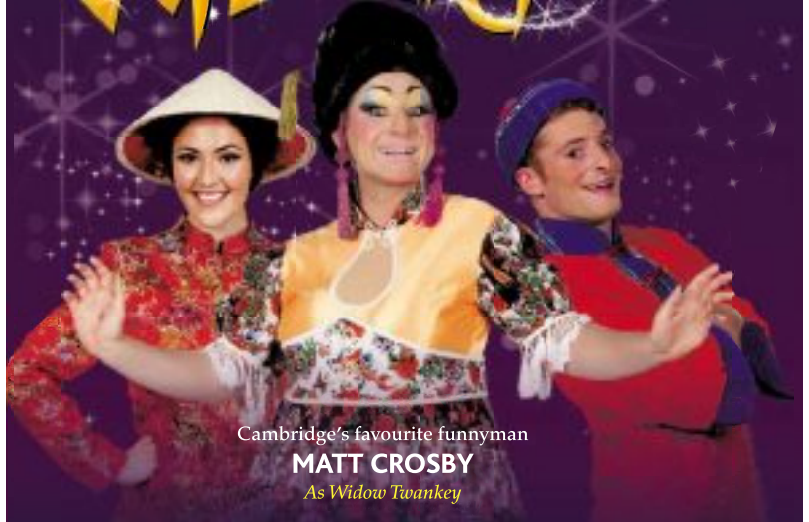
"I feel well chuffed!" laughs Claire. "It's been a whirlwind, and I'm a bit shocked, but absolutely honoured to have been picked. I just hope it raises loads of money; that's why I've done it. Me and Blaze are loving it. She knows it's all about her, don't you Blaze?"

Sadly Claire's sight has continued to deteriorate: all she can see now is a thin strip down the left-hand centre of her vision. But she insists that her blindness doesn't bother her. "This is the really strange thing: it doesn't, because I have Blaze. I knew my whole life would change with Blaze, but I didn't know how much. I wouldn't be without her at all. She's the best present I ever had."

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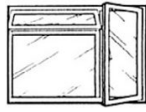
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Knockout of a panto

SO, it turns out that even if you think you hate panto (yep, guilty), it's pretty difficult to not get swept up in this year's Arts Theatre offering, despite a bit of a slow start...

Our hero Aladdin, played by Lowri Walton, was likeable enough but notably as wishy washy as um, his brother Wishee Washee (Sam Hoyer), whose jokes weren't always on the right side of cracker bad either (horsemeat and the like just ain't getting the laughs they were back in 2013).

But then, all the best gags were, quite rightly, saved for co-writer Matt Crosby, aka, the buxom Widow Twankey. Celebrating his 10th (!) Cambridge panto in some style, the lusty Dame stalked, shimmied and kicked up all kinds of fuss in the wackiest of garb, winking through a sweep of outsized lashes and an impressive plastering of makeup; he is snort-worthily hilarious, especially when it comes to ad-libbing in the blanks.

The Arts' age-old 'messy' scene is of course intact; this year a slip and slide of a skit, it's like the Fun House soaked in suds and propped up by voluminous bloomers. It looks a right laugh. They should let everyone pay extra to have a go on the contraption at the end, funfair style. Same goes for the magic carpet – it all gets ever so fantastically Disney at one point.

The Bill's Stephen Beckett returns once again as the big old boo hiss baddie, grinning with true malicious delight as the evil emperor's advisor Abanazer (prepare for a lot of "bless yous"), who ropes naïve little Aladdin into a quest to find a magic lamp.

And then, ladies, drenched in glitter and rippling like a Chippendale, Cavin Cornwall the genie appears from a woozy cloud of smoke. Bringing the glitz and the funk, he could have

Ella Walker gets swept along with the panto crowd at the Arts Theatre, Cambridge

carried the show with his pecs alone (seriously), but that wasn't necessary.

Lauren Rae is stunning as the spirit Inanna (every little girl is going to want an exact replica of her Jasmine outfit, I certainly do), while the Princess played by Philippa Stefani packs a punch when it comes to the vocals.

Richard Earl as the useless, lovestruck Emperor got a raw deal on the joke front, but definitely made the most of things during a slinky duet with Widow Twankey (ooh-er), while the ensemble cast and panto babes were cutesy and dazzling in equal measure (the ensemble lot definitely know how to dance).

In fact, the whole company seem ridiculously giddy to be up there on stage, and it's infectious.

Peppered with wry digs at the Corn Exchange, audience-directed quips about Lidl-shopping ruffians (horrors), and brave renditions of everything from Katy Perry and Pharrell to Marvin Gaye, there's also sufficiently outrageous innuendos to make the show a filthy enough magic carpet ride for the grown up boys and girls too.

Basically, it's a dizzy, funny, skittish knockout of a show, with a perfect dose of naughtiness.

There's also an "aww" inducing moment concerning Frozen's adorable snowman Olaf... except he's been left by a radiator... pack tissues, there may be a few tears.

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GENIE-US: Co-writer Matt Crosby gets all the best lines as Widow Twankey, bottom from left, Lowri Walton (Aladdin), Stephen Beckett (Abanazer) and Sam Hoyer (Wishee Washee)



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Favourites of former PM Blair

NOT to be confused with the Florentine nobleman of the same name on The Assassin's Creed video game, Ezio the band is made up of Cambridge guitarists, Ezio Lunedei and Mark "Booga" Fowell.

The pair, who formed way back in 1990, have released eight studio albums to date, and are occasionally joined by a further three members depending on the size of the venue. Just expect the original duo at Cambridge Junction though.

Playing the kind of deeply emotional folk that Tony Blair used to listen to before Prime Minister's Questions (he admitted it on Desert Island Discs – but don't hold it against the band), expect a slew of live outings for tracks on 2014 album Adam and the Snake.

■ **Ezio, Cambridge Junction, Saturday, December 20, at 7pm. Tickets £13 from (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk.**

EMOTIONAL FOLK MUSIC: Ezio Lunedei and Mark Fowell



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Action happens above audience

AWARD-WINNING aerial theatre company Ockham's Razor is set to transform Cambridge Corn Exchange with the mesmerising Not Until We Are Lost.

The show – which loops and arcs through a specially constructed steel frame strung up in the rafters – stems from a David Henry Thoreau quote: 'Not until we are lost do we begin to find ourselves'.

It aims to explore five different aspects of the experience of being lost through movement rather than words, with the vertigo-inducing action happening above and around the audience.

Here's hoping no one falls...

■ **Not Until We Are Lost, Cambridge Corn Exchange, Thursday, December 18 – Sunday, December 21 at various times.**

Tickets £17.50 from (01223) 357851 / cornex.co.uk.

Poinsettia pointers

THE shops are awash with poinsettias at this time of year in shades of red, pink and cream, the colourful bracts having taken an average of eight weeks to turn from green to red.

Garden centres, supermarkets, homeware shops and DIY stores all have them on display, but you need to be careful how you choose your festive poinsettia, says David Mitchell, plant buyer at Wyevale Garden Centres.

"When choosing a poinsettia, look for a strong-looking plant with bright-coloured bracts and deep green leaves all the way to the base of the pot," he advises.

"A UK-grown plant is by far the best. We grow them cooler and allow them more space, making sure they are tougher for the customer. Check if the retailer is displaying them in a warm, draught-free place and never buy a poinsettia which is being sold outside or near to open doors."

Once your plant's back home, don't place

it on a porch or in a conservatory, because poinsettias don't like draughts. You're better off putting it in a warmer room like the living room, but not near a radiator.

"The worst place is a draughty window sill especially if you draw the curtains on them leaving them in the cold space," says Mitchell. "These plants like good light, but are not so demanding for high light as many other house plants. The main point is to keep them warm, between 15 to 20 degrees, and away from draughts, avoiding sudden temperature changes."

Poinsettias should be watered as the compost begins to dry out. Don't over-water them or the leaves will drop off and don't leave them to dry out completely or they may not recover.

After Christmas, allow the poinsettia some time to rest and become almost dormant by reducing watering. When bracts begin to look old and tired in late winter or spring, don't worry if the leaves droop or fall.

In June, prune the plant back to approximately a third of its size. Repot, feed and water



by Hannah Stephenson



at this stage regularly to build a well-shaped plant.

New growth will sprout, so stand it in good but not bright light, water regularly and apply liquid fertiliser every two weeks throughout summer.

From the end of September, ensure the plant has natural day length rather than any artificial light. Poinsettias, which are cultivars of Euphorbia pulcherrima, set bracts and flowers in

response to short days. Most will need to have light excluded to ensure 14 hours of darkness out of 24 for eight weeks during the run-up to Christmas.

Once there are more hours of darkness than light, the plant will begin to change colour. If you begin the initiation process at the end of September, you should start to see a subtle colour change by mid-October and the full transformation by the end of November.

Latest **news** and **events** from

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■ Is everybody ready for Christmas? 'Oh Yes We Are'; the panto costumes are pressed and ready for action. Following last year's success, That's Entertainment Productions return again with yet another Panto extravaganza **JACK AND THE BEANSTALK** from December 18 until December 29 at various times excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Join the starry cast including Coronation Street and Emmerdale star Amy Forrest, West End's Mitchell Armstrong, International Vocalists Simon Austin and Abigail Stock, and back by popular demand, The Really Wild Show's Howie Watkins as the hilarious Dame Sarah Trott. Dame Trott's stupid son Jack falls in love with the beautiful Jill and sets about clearing Haverhill of scary giants and the villainous Fleshcreep. Fairy Fortuna, Daisy the Cow and the Lisa Mason School of Dance help provide all the fun, laughter and quality entertainment now expected from a Haverhill Panto. With stunning scenery, dazzling costumes and live music this is a **GIANT** of a **PANTOMIME** not to be missed. Tickets are selling very fast, so you need to book now to avoid disappointment. 'Oh Yes You Do!!'



vsky's magical Christmas ballet **THE NUTCRACKER** on January 4 at 3pm.

■ **FROZEN SINGALONG** (PG) on January 2 and 5 at 10.30am

■ **The Book of Life 2D** (U) on January 2 at 2.30pm.

Events to look forward to include:

■ A recorded broadcast of Tchaiko-

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■ Friday at 6pm
 That's Entertainment Productions present
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■ Christmas Eve at 11am and 2pm
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■ Saturday December 27 at 2pm & 5pm
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■ Sunday December 28 at 2pm & 5pm
 That's Entertainment Productions present
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■ The Arts Centre staff would like to wish all our customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year (we've added the prosperous because we need you to keep returning to us).

■ For your information the Arts Centre will be closing for Christmas after the pantomime on Christmas Eve and will re-open as normal on Saturday and then Sunday for the final panto performances. We will then be closed until January 2, 2015.

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Village family home

Ridgewell: £230,000

THIS semi-detached three bedroom family home in the village of Ridgewell is on the market for £230,000. It has a lounge/diner, extended kitchen/diner, ground floor cloakroom, three first floor bedrooms and a family bathroom. There is a front garden laid to lawn with bushes, shrubs and driveway parking. To the rear there is a large garden with lawn, mature trees, shrubs, hedges and a patio. Call Morris Armitage on (01440) 768668.



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Aragon Road **Guide Price £190,000**

A rare opportunity to purchase this three bedroom news style house in a pleasant cul-de-sac on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from spacious accommodation to include master bedroom with en-suite, further large double bedroom and one single. Outside there is a single garage and off road parking.



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High Street **Guide Price £325,000**

CXG are proud to offer to market this stunning Grade II listed home thought to date back to the 16th century. This property has been sympathetically improved throughout, retaining many original features to include exposed beams and an impressive inglenook fireplace, whilst adding a modern twist in the fixtures and fittings.



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Gannet Close **Guide Price £167,500**

A chance to acquire this 3 bedroom family home situated on the ever popular Bird Estate. Accommodation in brief comprises, ground floor cloakroom, refitted kitchen breakfast room and lounge with patio doors leading out to a raised garden approaching 70' long.



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Mill Road **Guide Price £499,995**

GRADE II LISTED THATCHED COTTAGE WITH DETACHED ANNEX CXG are proud to offer this stunning thatched cottage, which has been improved throughout retaining many period features. The original cottage is thought to date back to the 16th century, with a rear extension and annex added in 2009.

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**Aragon Road****Guide Price £190,000**

A rare opportunity to purchase this three bedroom mews style house in a pleasant cul-de-sac on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from spacious accommodation to include master bedroom with en-suite, further large double bedroom and one single. Outside there is a single garage and off road parking.

**Poplar Close****Guide Price £172,500**

A very well presented and rarely available two bedroom semi-detached home on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from gas central heating and uPVC double glazing, and offers spacious accommodation throughout making this either the perfect starter home or investment purchase.

**Dane Common****Offers In Excess Of £230,000**

FULLY RENOVATED 3 BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE We are delighted to offer to market this superbly refurbished three bedroom detached house in the sought after village of Kedington. The property benefits from a garage and parking to the rear and has been finished to a high standard throughout.

**Old Clements Lane Offers In Excess Of £150,000**

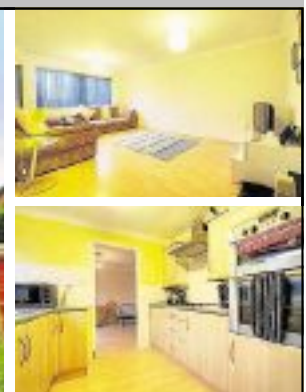
A superbly updated two bedroom Victorian house within a five minute walk of the Town Centre. The property has been updated throughout including the kitchen and bathroom. This provides an excellent first time buy or investment opportunity and would attract a rental income of around £550 pcm.

**Bramley Road****Guide Price £299,995**

A rare opportunity to purchase this highly spacious detached family home in the area of Strawberry Fields on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from having two reception rooms AND conservatory, three double bedrooms and one single with an en-suite to the master. Viewing highly recommended.

**Foxburrow Close****Guide Price £229,995**

CXG are delighted to offer this spacious family home on the popular Arrendene estate. With two reception rooms and four bedrooms, three of which are double bedrooms this property would suit the needs of any growing family. The back of the garage has been converted to a utility room to add further internal space.

**Churchfields Drive****Offers In Excess Of £280,000**

A stunning, vastly improved four bedroom detached residence on the highly sought after Churchfields Drive in Steeple Bumpstead. The property has undergone extensive refurbishment works in recent years to include a new bathroom and en-suite, with a new gas boiler recently fitted and the addition of a conservatory. MUST BE VIEWED!



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Your Guide to Moving Home

Moving home can be a complicated business and in the hectic run up to the big day it is all too easy to forget something vital. The team offers their readers this handy checklist to help avoid any major pitfalls. We suggest you tick them off as you go....

1 4-2 WEEKS TO GO:

- ☐ **Packing** – start packing and sorting through your belongings. Now is a good time to de-clutter and pack items rarely used. Make sure you have plenty of sturdy boxes, bubble wrap and sticky tape.
- ☐ **Removal companies** – get estimates from removal companies, checking that comprehensive insurance cover is available against damage or loss. Is there a packing and unpacking service? Confirm the date of your move with the firm you have chosen.
- ☐ **Insurance** – check on your home contents insurance policies to ensure that you are covered for the move, and covered at your new address.
- ☐ **Utilities** – make arrangements for your gas and electricity meters (plus water meters where relevant) to be read and all your appliances to be disconnected on the day of your move. Arrange to take over gas and electricity at your new address, and make sure that all appliances will be properly fitted, plumbed or connected.
- ☐ **Telecommunications** – Notify your telephone and broadband provider and ask them to make the necessary arrangements for a final account at your present address, and for taking over or installing telephone and broadband facilities at your new home.
- ☐ **Post** – Look into re-directing your post for a few months to make sure you receive all relevant correspondence.
- ☐ **Children** – Look into the possibility of your children, especially young children, staying with family or friends on the day of the move.
- ☐ **Pets** – Make arrangements for any pets to be booked into a cattery or kennels if required. Having your pets microchipped is a good idea and if already microchipped, have the address changed to your new one. Your vet can advise on this.

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Change of address – tell companies and organisations that you are moving!

Notify:

- ☐ Employer
- ☐ Inland revenue
- ☐ Local council
- ☐ Banks or Building Societies
- ☐ Credit companies, store cards & other accounts
- ☐ Gas, Electricity and water boards
- ☐ Insurance companies
- ☐ Land / mobile phones
- ☐ Internet and cable / satellite TV providers
- ☐ Doctor, Dentist and Opticians
- ☐ DVLA
- ☐ Veterinary surgery
- ☐ TV Licensing

3 1 WEEK TO GO:

- ☐ **Delivery address** – change delivery address of your Cambridge News, milk, groceries and fuel to your new address as appropriate.
- ☐ **Laundry** – do any last minute laundry that you can – have you arranged for a plumber to disconnect your washing machine correctly?

- ☐ **Kitchen cupboards** – go through your kitchen cupboards and throw out anything not in date. Also check that all jars and bottles are correctly sealed before packing.
- ☐ **Fridges / Freezers** – empty and clean out in preparation for moving. If you are moving a freezer and its contents, turn it up to maximum for a couple of days before you move.
- ☐ **Valuables / documents** – put these in safe place for moving day

4 2-1 DAYS TO GO:

- ☐ **Packing** – pack a bag for overnight essentials and toiletries and finish all remaining packing into boxes. Remember to label which room each box is destined for.
- ☐ **Snack box** – pack a box for the kitchen to include essentials like tea, coffee and sugar, as well as the kettle and mugs! Also include other snacks as necessary.
- ☐ **Dismantle and disconnect** – take down curtains, fixtures and fittings and disconnect white goods ready for transport.
- ☐ **Outdoor items** – make sure that these are stacked together and ready to be moved.
- ☐ **Mobile** – place your mobile on charge the night before moving and ensure that all relevant people have your number.

5 ON MOVING DAY:

AT YOUR OLD ADDRESS:

- ☐ Strip beds and pack bedding and nightclothes.
- ☐ Finish packing toiletries box.
- ☐ Direct removal firm personnel or friends helping you move as to what needs to be done.
- ☐ Turn off electric appliances.
- ☐ Disconnect cooker.
- ☐ Turn off boiler / central heating.
- ☐ Turn off water.
- ☐ Read gas meter.
- ☐ Read electricity meter.
- ☐ Secure all windows.
- ☐ Lock all doors.
- ☐ Make final checks and leave key as arranged with new owners.

AT YOUR NEW HOME:

- ☐ Open up & have a look around the new house.
- ☐ Locate fuse box, gas and electric meter and stop cock for reference.
- ☐ Take readings on gas, electric and water meters as appropriate.
- ☐ Organise the direction of boxes to appropriate rooms.
- ☐ Check the van after all is unloaded.
- ☐ Make the beds up for the evening.
- ☐ Sit down and relax – unpack the other boxes the next day.

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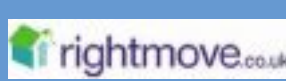
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NEW LISTING **NO ONWARD CHAIN**



Jupiter Close **£274,950**

Detached bungalow situated in a sought after location. The property offers lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating to radiators, front & rear gardens and a single garage & driveway. In Need Of Certain Modernisation & Decorating. EPC Rating: D, 65.

NO ONWARD CHAIN



Withersfield Road **£142,500**

Terraced property situated in this close to town location. The property offers lounge, dining room, ground floor cloakroom, kitchen and two bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor. There is also the added benefit of gas fired central heating to radiators and a rear garden. EPC Rating: D, 65.



Water Lane, Steeple Bumpstead **£315,000**

Well presented detached bungalow offering lounge, re-fitted kitchen/diner, utility room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, en-suite shower room, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, front, side and rear gardens and attached double length garage. EPC rating: D, 65.



Broad Street **£229,950**


Victorian extended terraced family house offering: lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, four bedrooms with en-suite to master, family bathroom, double glazing (where stated), gas fired central heating to radiators, enclosed rear garden and garage to rear. EPC Rating: D, 55.



Kings Meadow, Kedington **£164,950**

Extended semi detached bungalow offering lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, two/three bedrooms and re fitted shower room. There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating to radiators, enclosed rear garden and garage to rear. In need of certain modernisation and refurbishment. EPC Rating: D, 58.

NEW LISTING **NO ONWARD CHAIN**



Pipers Close **£114,950**

Well presented first floor flat situated in this popular edge of town development. The property offers re fitted kitchen/dining room, re fitted shower room, lounge, communal gardens, UPVC double glazed windows and gas fired central heating. EPC rating: C, 72.



Hundon Place **£155,000**

Terraced property situated on the popular Chalkstone development. The property offers lounge, ground floor cloakroom, dining room, kitchen and three bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor and front & rear gardens.



NEW LISTING **NO ONWARD CHAIN**



Ash Walk, Stradishall **£129,950**

Terraced family house situated in a popular residential location representing an ideal purchase for investment and first time buyers. The property offers lounge, dining room, kitchen, sun room, two bedrooms, bathroom, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, garage en bloc and front & rear gardens. EPC rating: E, 48.



Recreation Road **£176,500**

Extended end of terrace family house situated in a close to town location. The property offers lounge, family room/study, kitchen/diner, ground floor family bathroom and three bedrooms to the first floor. There is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazing (where stated), generous rear garden, gas fired central heating and driveway providing off road parking. EPC rating: E, 46.



Westward Deals, Kedington OIRO **£199,950**

Much improved semi detached family house offering lounge, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, re fitted family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, new Combi boiler & radiators in 2009, re-tiled roof, felt and battens in 2012, front & rear gardens and garage en bloc. EPC rating: D, 57.



Mount Pleasant, Hundon **£465,000**

Well maintained and extended detached bungalow offering: lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, four bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bath/shower room, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, oil fired central heating to radiators, extensive mature gardens, detached workshop and garage. Countryside views to both front and rear elevations. EPC rating: D, 60.



The Street, Stoke By Clare **£1,200,000**

A rare opportunity to purchase this 18.7 acre(s) equestrian centre comprising: indoor & outdoor arenas, main yard with 14 stables, feed & tack rooms, office/groom accommodation, kitchen/shower room, second yard with 7 stables & tack room, recently constructed oak framed detached family house.

SOLD STC **MORE REQUIRED**



Bumpstead Road **£165,000**

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Queen Street **£575 pcm**

Recently refurbished first floor flat offering lounge/diner, refitted kitchen and shower room and two bedrooms. The property has recently been refurbished and there is also the added benefit of UPVC double glazed windows. Available mid-November 2014. No smokers or pets. Housing benefit not accepted. EPC rating: F, 23.


TO LET



Ashlea Close **£675 pcm**

Much improved terraced family house offering lounge, refitted kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms, family bathroom, a recently installed gas fired central heating system, UPVC double glazing and front & rear gardens. Available December 2014. No smokers. Housing benefit not accepted.

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Rockall Close **£750 pcm**

Semi detached family house offering lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, double glazed windows and doors, front & rear gardens and garage & driveway. Available now. No smokers or pets. Housing benefit not accepted. EPC Rating: D, 61.

TO LET



The Green, Little Thurlow **£900 pcm**

Semi-detached family house offering lounge, study/smg, modern kitchen/diner, utility room, ground floor cloakroom, three bedrooms, modern family bathroom, UPVC double glazing & oil fired central heating. Available now. No smokers or pets. Housing benefit not accepted. EPC rating: C, 71.

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Mill Road, Kedington **£1300 pcm**

Detached family house offering: lounge, dining room, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, two conservatories, g/f shower room, bathroom, four bedrooms, en-suite to master bedroom, two bedroom annex with shower room, un-overlooked rear garden and large driveway. Available January 2015. Pets Negotiable. Housing Benefit Not Accepted. EPC Rating: E, 48.

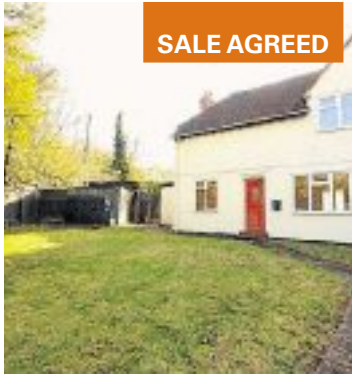


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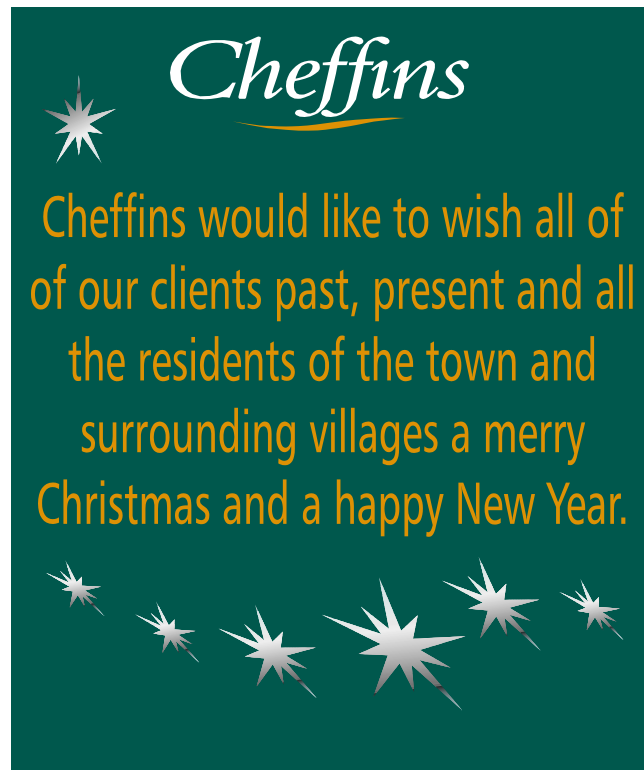
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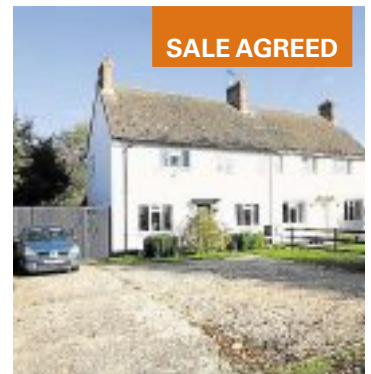
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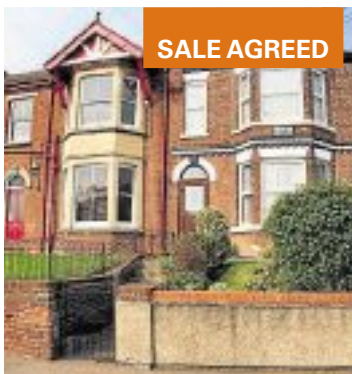
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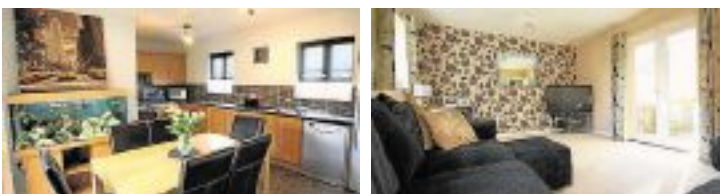
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A beautifully presented and spacious modern family home benefiting from four two double bedrooms with en suites to the two principle rooms. The property enjoys a stunning kitchen measuring 5.44m (17'10") x 4.11m (13'6"), two further reception rooms and attractive gardens.

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Guide Price £275,000

An extremely generous and well laid out four bedroom family home nicely situated with views over fields. The property enjoys a spacious and attractive fitted kitchen/ family room as well as three further reception rooms. On the first floor is a large master bedroom with twin aspect, dressing area and en suite.

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Winter rise for 4x4 prices

DEFLEETED 4x4s have seen their values skyrocket by more than £1,000, as the return of colder weather sparks interest in the winter-ready vehicles. Figures released by Manheim, the world's leading vehicle remarketing organisation, reveal that although overall fleet sector values fell by just 1.4 per cent over the past month, underlying performance in the sector remains strong.

While the average ex-fleet price at auction fell from £7,045 to £6,948 between October and November 2014, a handful of firm favourites saw their values increase throughout the month. Among the vehicles



TOYOTA LAND CRUISER: Demand goes up in winter!

enjoying a rise of value were superminis (by £60), compact executive (by £242) and MPV models

(by £233) during November. The largest increase in average selling price was seen with

4x4s, which saw an increase in value of £1,188 month on month.

Daren Wiseman, valuation services manager at Manheim, said: "In spite of the overall defleet sector values drifting marginally in November, looking at these figures in the context of the year, they indicate a stable market for ex-fleet vehicles. While November's average value at auction was £645 below that of 12 months ago, it's important to understand that today's cars under the hammer are on average seven months older and have more than 6,000 additional miles on the clock.

"We would typically

expect values to fall at this time of year, so this slight drop during November is no surprise. However, demand remains high with buyers wanting to stock up ready for the post Christmas upsurge and taking advantage of the seasonal price drop. Some vendors can tend to stockpile their vehicles in the run-up to Christmas, waiting for better prices in the new year. I

"It is important to note that our experience shows that this strategy could be risky, as depreciation and the hidden cost of not selling a vehicle can be significant in terms of storage and tied up capital."



TOURER: New i40 looks the part

New i40 range due

HYUNDAI has introduced its New i40 Tourer and Saloon, enhancing the brand's product line-up in Europe's competitive D-segment.

The New i40 now features refined exterior styling, an upgraded range of responsive, efficient diesel engines, the addition of a new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission, improvements in ride and handling and several 'first-for-Hyundai' active safety and convenience features.

New i40 is available with an enhanced engine line-up of two Euro6-compliant diesel power units from 115 PS up to 141 PS. These have been re-engineered to deliver increased responsiveness and efficiency.



THE NISSAN LEAF: Making progress in the UK car scene

Nissan Leaf fans are wedded to their electric car future

MORE than half of Nissan Leaf electric car owners say they would never buy a petrol or diesel car again.

One owner reportedly even sold his Aston Martin to buy a second Leaf so that both he and his wife could use one every day.

These are just two of the amazing claims made by Nissan GB following the company's first in-depth survey of its electric car customers in the UK.

An impressive 93 per cent of the 6,500 British owners say that they use their Leaf as their main family car, and 89 per cent report 'significant savings' versus internal combustion-engined cars.

Nissan Motor GB limited managing

director, James Wright, said: "We were the first to bring a mass-produced electric car to market, so it stands to reason that we are also the first to prove the genuine viability of electric motoring."

"Electric car ownership was a big step for motorists to take when we launched the Leaf in 2011 but we are now seeing that owners who were bold enough to take that step are reaping the benefits."

"The issues that the naysayers said would hinder ownership have not materialised and, in fact, the feeling from Leaf owners is that they would never go back to a traditional combustion engine."

Furthermore, 95 per cent of owners

said they would recommend one to a friend, while 64 per cent say they find it better to drive than a petrol or diesel car.

Among its case studies, Nissan tells of a man whose domestic disputes with his wife over access to their Leaf led him to sell his Aston Martin in order to buy a second Leaf.

Another driver claims to have spent just £400 in travelling 22,000 miles in his Leaf, making use of free public charging points wherever possible.

Recent sales of electric cars have seen huge upturns. In September 2014 Nissan sold 851 Leafs; the most ever sold in one month in a European market. More than 3,600 units have been sold in Britain this year.

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Skoda previews next year's new Superb

HERE is the first glimpse of next year's Skoda Superb, the firm's new flagship that aims to sell more than 100,000 units per year.

A handful of journalists from all over the world were granted access to part of the Superb's pre-production testing programme in a remote part of Portugal, where Skoda revealed the first details of the new car and allowed an exclusive peek at the

finished styling – although no photos were allowed.

New technology is set to be a defining factor for the 2015 Superb, with luxuries like tri-zone climate control, genuinely effective drive mode options and even the facility to mount a tablet device in the rear of the car to allow direct control of the navigation and audio systems.

It will go on sale in the UK in the summer.



ON THE BLOCK: New Superb

Jaguar XE scores highly as ownership proposition

THE Jaguar XE won't just offer class-leading driving dynamics and drop-dead good looks when it arrives in showrooms next year, it will also offer the lowest cost of ownership of any of its premium rivals.

Industry valuation companies CAP, Kee Resources and CDL agree that the Jaguar XE will offer stronger residual values than equivalent BMW 3 Series models. In fact, the latest figures show that the majority of leading valuation companies predicts the XE will have stronger residual values than all of its premium rivals.

Over three years or 30,000 miles, CAP predicts that the XE will retain 45 per cent of its value, placing it ahead of rival models from BMW and Audi. Against the same competitor set, Kee Resources and CDL rate XE as best in class ahead of Audi, BMW and Mercedes.

Thanks to the ultra-low 99g/km CO2 emissions produced by the XE's all-new 2.0-litre 163PS Ingenium diesel engine, the XE also has lower Vehicle Excise Duty and Benefit In Kind rate than the BMW 3 Series, Mercedes C-Class, Audi A4 and Audi A5 as well as better fuel economy.

That, along with affordable ser-



THE JAGUAR XE: Key launch for 2015

ving, maintenance and repair costs; a low insurance group rating; and, of course, class-leading residual values means that the XE will save customers thousands of pounds in ownership costs compared to the established competition. According to

Kee Resources total cost of ownership saving over 3 years 36,000 miles vs. nearest rival is £2,215 before further benefit in kind savings.

Jaguar Land Rover UK managing director Jeremy Hicks said: "People expect Jaguars to feel

luxurious, look superb and drive brilliantly, but many wouldn't necessarily expect a Jaguar to be affordable – but we've worked hard to ensure the XE is just that. An enormous amount of effort has gone into developing everything from the new efficient Ingenium engines to the superb value-for-money service plans.

"The fact that valuation companies rank XE as having some of the strongest residual values in class is the icing on the cake. This is a car that appeals to the head just as much as the heart."

Jaguar Land Rover has put an enhanced sales structure in place for the 2015 launch of the XE and the Land Rover Discovery to the business community.

Jeremy Hicks, Jaguar Land Rover UK managing director, said: "The new Jaguar XE and the Land Rover Discovery Sport are the right products at the right time. Fleet and business drivers are desperate for some new life to be breathed into the market. With their brand appeal, driving dynamics, incredible efficiency and focus on technology, the Jaguar XE and Land Rover Discovery Sport will appear on more company car choice lists than ever before."



STATS: Mini is Euro-NCAP star

Mini earns safety award for warning system option

THE new Mini in the premium small car segment is the leader not just when it comes to driving fun but also in the field of active safety. This status has now been confirmed by the independent safety testing institute Euro-NCAP (New Car Assessment Programme), in particular due to the new driver assistance systems.

Mini has received the Euro-NCAP Advanced award 2014 for its pedestrian warning system with city braking function. The system forms part of the Driving Assistant option for the new Mini 3-door and the new Mini 5-door and is rated by safety experts as a groundbreaking innovation in reducing the risk of accidents in urban traffic.

The Euro-NCAP Advanced award has been in existence since 2010: sponsored by European governments, automobile clubs and insurance companies, it recognises outstanding developments that have resulted in major advancements in the area of active safety and occupant protection.

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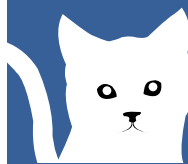
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> Rugby union

Haverhill's Hunt is the four-try hero

FOUR tries from Adam Hunt helped Haverhill beat Cottenham Renegades 31-19 in Eastern Counties Greene King Division Two West.

After only 36 seconds, Hunt darted through to collect a dropped ball and score under the posts, with his conversion making it 7-0.

Cottenham replied with a penalty, but Haverhill extended their lead when Chris Flannery put in Hunt to touch down.

Cottenham kicked another penalty, but two minutes before half time, Doyle Onley picked up possession on his 22-metre line and surged through three tackles to touch down.

Renegades completed the half with their third penalty to make it 19-9.

Haverhill pushed a scrum back in the Cottenham 22, and Ricky Brown forced a clearance to Hunt to scoop up and cross the line, and he added the conversion.

Hunt grabbed Haverhill's fourth try, darting through the centre of the defence to touch down, and he also converted, making it 31-9, with Cottenham getting two late unconverted tries.



Running free: Haverhill's Adam Hunt on his way to scoring one of his four tries against Cottenham Renegades.

> Football

HAVERHILL Rovers suffered a 2-0 home defeat when they took on fourth-placed Hadleigh United in the Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division last Saturday.

The result leaves Michael Shinn's men in 11th place going into the festive fixtures, with 26 points from 20 matches.

Pre-Christmas joy is missing for Rovers

They visit Stanway this Saturday and then face another away match against

Walsham-le-Willows on Boxing Day.

In the First Division, eighth-placed Haverhill Borough are at home to

Braintree reserves this Saturday, before entertaining current leaders Saffron Walden on Boxing Day.

Red Alert: Haverhill Rovers under-15s saw off Panthers in their league game



Butt doubles up to keep the winning run going

LIAM Butt bagged two for Haverhill Rovers as they saw off Panthers 3-1 in Cambridge & District Colts League 15C.

Jack Sizer added the other for Haverhill to give them their seventh league win in a row.

Two from Freddie

Hounsme, either side of half

time, including a penalty, helped Aztecs White edge out Sawston United 4-3 in Cambridgeshire Mini Soccer League 11B.

Gabriel Mason doubled up for Aztecs as well, with both of his goals coming in the first half.

> Golf

Countback win for Pipe and Kennedy

DAVID Pipe and John Kennedy emerged victorious on countback after a three-way tie for first in Haverhill's Christmas Cracker.

Hosted by club professional Paul Wilby, the competition saw 30 pairs taking part in the stableford better ball event, played off seven-eighths handicap.

Pipe and Kennedy scored 40 points, as did David Rosenwold and Alan Bampton, and Neil Farlie and Andy Gage.

However, Pipe and Kennedy took top spot, with Rosenwold and Bampton having the edge over Farlie and Gage to finish second.

Graham Hepworth won the December midweek stableford with a score of 31 points, which also saw him win Division Three.

Michael Bennett won Division One, also with 31, while Richard Nordon topped Division Two on 28.

Haverhill duo Chris Briggs and Dave Simpkin took second on countback at Ufford Park in the fourball better ball event at the latest meeting of the Suffolk Winter Alliance.

They scored 38 points and just had enough to beat Stowmarket pair Sam Forgan and Trevor Holly into the runners-up spot.

Briggs and Simpkin finished two points behind winners Ian Smith and Mark Chaplin, of Stoke-by-Nayland.

Haverhill's Peter Bowers took the nearest pin in two shots on the seventh hole.

The teams of Doreen Darbey, Peter Deane, Roger Campbell and Tom Walker, and Norman White, Brian Johnson, John Goddard and Trevor Shipp were the victors in the seniors' 10-hole stableford waltz, held prior to their AGM and end-of-year presentations.



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